PATENT Attorney DocketNo. 492.166

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventor(s): Alan F. Savicki SC/Serial No.: 09/979,521 Confirm. No.: 6386

Filed: November 19, 2001

Title:

CLOSURE DEVICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 3677

RECEIVED

Examiner: J.R. Brittain ENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAY 0 3 2004

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, currently due May 16, 2004 pursuant to petition for one-month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of the paper.

REMARKS begin on page 11 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office at (703) 872-9326 on the date shown below:

(Attorney Signature) Thomas C. Feix, Reg. No. 34,592

Signature Date: May 3, 2004